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ABSTRACT

This report on dropouts provides information on the number of students who have dropped out of Colorado's public schools during the 1988-89 school year. Data were gathered from reports from schools with grades 7-12 that are required to complete an end of year report with counts of students entering and withdrawing. This report includes tables and figures on the following topics: (1) Comparison of Dropout Rates by Grade, 1987-88 and 1988-89; (2) Dropout Rates by Grade, 1987-88 and 1988-89; (3) Count of Student Dropouts by Ethnic/Racial Group, 1988-89; (4) Dropout Rates by Ethnic/Racial Group by Grade, 1987-88 and 1988-89; (5) Dropout Rates by Grade and Sex, 1987-88 and 1988-89; (6) Dropout Rates by Ethnic/Racial Group for Grades 10-12, 1987-88 and 1988-89; and (7) Annual Dropout Rate for Grades 7-12 by School District. Nine questions and answers about Colorado dropout rates are provided. A sample data collection instrument is included. It is noted the dropout rate for the 1987-88 school year was 4.1 percent and for the 1988-89 school year the dropout rate was 4.2 percent. The report concludes that there has been no significant change in the total number of students dropping out of grades 7-12 or the number of retrievals during the 1988-89 and 1987-88 school years. (ABL)

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INTRODUCTION

This report on dropouts provides information on the number of students who have dropped out of Colorado's public schools during the 1988-89 school year. Schools with grades 7-12 are required to complete an end of year report which provides counts of students entering and withdrawing during the 12 month period July 1 through June 30.

The dropout rate is an annual rate, reflecting the percentage of all students enrolled in grades 7-12 who leave school during the reporting period and are not known to transfer to other public or private schools or a General Education Development (GED) program.

Colorado's dropout rate for the 1988-89 school year was 4.2 percent. Of the total 275,588 membership base in grades 7-12, 11,473 students dropped out resulting in a rate of 4.2 percent.

During the 1987-88 school year, 11,456 students dropped out resulting in a rate of 4.1 percent. Of the 11,456 reported as dropouts during the previous year, 3,145 were reported as retrievals during the 1988-89 school year. This represents one-fourth (27 percent) of the 1987-88 dropouts returning to school the following year.

Overall there has been no significant change in the total number of students dropping out of grades 7-12 or the number of retrievals during the 1988-89 and 1987-88 school years. However, the number of dropouts and retrievals will vary from district to district. It should also be noted that in districts with a small membership base, one dropout can produce a high dropout rate.

Districts enrolling students who have dropped out of other school districts have expressed concern because some of these students attend for a short time and then drop out again. These students not only contribute to their dropout rate but also their graduation rate. The Department of Education will conduct a survey at the end of the 1989-90 school year to determine how many students dropped out of school after maintaining only 1-15 days of membership.

Table 1:

Comparison of Dropout Rates
By Grade
1987-88 And 1988-89

Grade	School Year 1987-88 Pupil Count	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate	School Year 1988-89 Pupil Count	Number of Dropouts	Dropout Rate
7	44,888	94	0.2	44,587	98	0.2
8	44,587	175	0.4	45,279	176	0.4
9	47,865	1,783	3.7	47,229	1,646	3.5
10	47,352	2,696	5.7	44,959	2,399	5.3
11	45,930	2,599	5.7	43,513	2,759	6.3
12	42,638	1,963	4.6	41,699	1,956	4.7
Ungraded	2,359	311	13.2	675	28	4.1
Alternative	5,776	1,835	31.8	7,647	2,411	31.5
Total	281,395	11,456	4.1	275,588	11,473	4.2

- Grade 11, which historically has had the highest dropout rate, has the highest percent increase in the number of pupils dropping out.
- The "Ungraded" category shows a decrease in the number of pupils reported in the membership base because districts were encouraged to report pupils within a grade level whenever possible.

Figure 1

DROPOUT RATES BY GRADE
1987-88 AND 1988-89

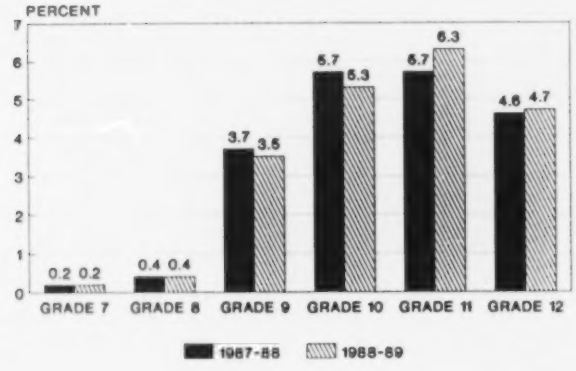

Figure 2

COUNT OF STUDENT DROPOUTS BY ETHNIC/RACIAL GROUP 1988-89

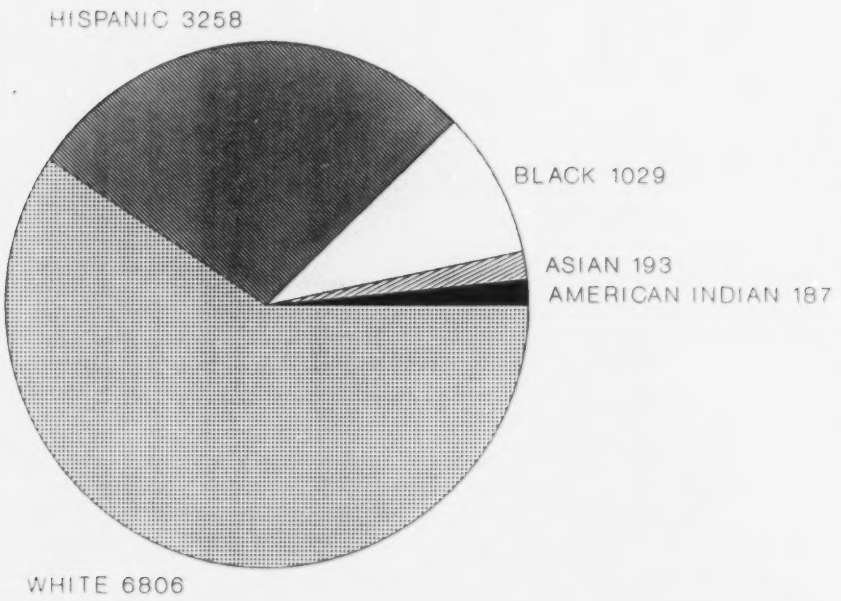

Table 2: Dropout Rates by Ethnic/Racial Group by Grade, 1987-88 and 1988-89

Ethnic/Racial Group	Grade 7		Grade 8		Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12		Ungraded		Alternative		Total	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
American Indian																		
1987-88	1	0.2	4	1.0	34	8.0	43	10.6	29	9.0	19	7.8	4	21.1	41	34.5	175	7.5
1988-89	4	1.1	5	1.2	31	6.8	43	11.8	29	8.4	17	6.1	0	0.0	58	33.9	187	7.8
Asian																		
1987-88	5	0.5	3	0.3	25	2.4	48	4.2	49	4.9	47	4.6	1	5.0	23	26.7	201	3.1
1988-89	1	0.1	3	0.3	14	1.2	45	4.2	50	4.4	42	4.2	0	0.0	38	31.1	193	3.0
Black																		
1987-88	8	0.3	5	0.2	178	6.1	187	7.6	152	7.1	109	5.9	24	6.0	257	38.4	918	6.1
1988-89	8	0.3	15	0.6	157	5.6	182	7.3	181	8.8	147	7.5	8	9.1	333	37.5	1029	6.8
Hispanic																		
1987-88	42	0.6	57	0.8	667	8.2	831	11.6	584	10.1	365	7.5	74	11.6	571	33.8	3191	7.5
1988-89	27	0.4	67	0.9	673	8.2	691	9.9	647	10.8	393	7.6	10	5.3	750	34.3	3258	7.6
White																		
1987-88	38	0.1	106	0.3	881	2.5	1587	4.4	1785	4.9	1423	4.1	208	16.2	943	29.3	6971	3.2
1988-89	58	0.2	86	0.3	771	2.2	1438	4.2	1852	5.4	1357	4.1	12	3.0	1232	28.8	6806	3.3
Total																		
1987-88	94	0.2	175	0.4	1783	3.7	2696	5.7	2599	5.7	1963	4.6	311	13.1	1835	31.8	11456	4.1
1988-89	98	0.2	176	0.4	1646	3.5	2399	5.3	2759	6.3	1956	4.7	28	4.1	2411	31.5	11473	4.2

- Historically, grade 11 has had the highest overall dropout rate. During the school year 1988-89, this trend has not only continued but grade 11 also reflected the largest percent change in the number of dropouts. Contributing to this increase in the grade 11 dropouts was the increase in the number of Black and Hispanic dropouts from grade 11. During the 1987-88 school year the highest dropout rates for Black and Hispanic students occurred in grade 10.

- The largest increase in the dropout rate by ethnic/racial group occurred for Black students, from 6.1 percent in 1987-88 to 6.8 percent in 1988-89.

- The Hispanic student dropout rate increased slightly from 7.5 to 7.6 percent and the American Indian student dropout rate also increased from 7.5 to 7.8 percent. The Asian student dropout rate decreased from 3.1 to 3.0 percent.

- Although the total number of White students dropping out during the 1988-89 school year (6806) was less than 1987-88 (6971), the rate reflected an increase from 3.2 to 3.3 percent because the student membership base was smaller in 1988-89. The total number of White student dropouts accounted for 59.3 percent of all Colorado dropouts in 1988-89.

Table 3:

Dropout Rates by Grade and Sex

		1987-88		1988-89	
		Number	Rate	Number	Rate
Grade 7:	Male	47	0.2	48	0.2
	Female	47	0.2	50	0.2
Grade 8:	Male	89	0.4	90	0.4
	Female	86	0.4	86	0.4
Grade 9:	Male	990	4.0	912	3.8
	Female	793	3.4	734	3.2
Grade 10:	Male	1,436	5.9	1,316	5.7
	Female	1,260	5.5	1,083	5.0
Grade 11:	Male	1,415	6.0	1,564	6.9
	Female	1,184	5.3	1,195	5.7
Grade 12:	Male	1,087	5.0	1,139	5.3
	Female	876	4.2	817	4.0
Ungraded:	Male	248	16.3	18	4.6
	Female	63	7.5	10	3.5
Alternative:	Male	949	32.7	1,363	33.5
	Female	886	30.8	1,048	29.2
Total:	Male	6,261	4.3	6,450	4.5
	Female	5,195	3.8	5,023	3.8

- The total dropout rate for female students remained at 3.8 percent, while the male dropout rate increased from 4.3 percent in 1987-88 to 4.5 percent in 1988-89.
- The highest dropout rate for both male and female students continued to be from grade 11.

Table 4:

Dropout Rates by Ethnic/Racial Group
for Grades 10-12

	1987-88			1988-89		
Ethnic/Racial Group	Pupil Count	Dropouts	Rate	Pupil Count	Dropouts	Rate
American Indian	1,100	133	12.1	1,149	141	12.3
Asian	3,274	166	5.1	3,320	173	5.2
Black	7,428	688	9.3	7,276	784	10.8
Hispanic	19,929	2,371	11.9	20,105	2,397	11.9
White	111,652	5,849	5.8	105,597	5,784	5.5
Total	143,383	9,207	6.9	137,447	9,279	6.8

Note: The 1988-89 dropout rate reported on this table for grades 10-12 includes the data from the alternative schools. Therefore, the rate is different from the state total rate for grades 10-12 reported on page 13, Table 5 which excludes the alternative schools.

Figure 3

DROPOUT RATES BY ETHNIC/RACIAL GROUP
FOR GRADES 10-12

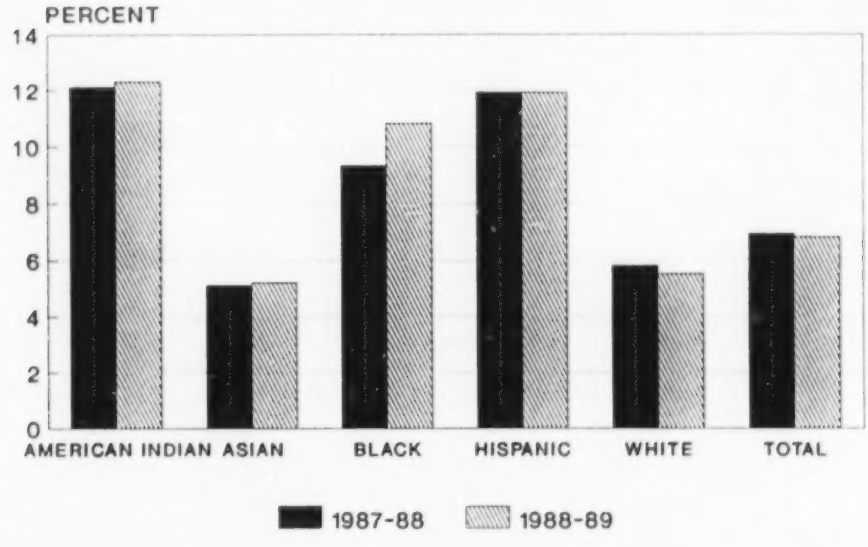

TABLE 5:

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 7 - 12
BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89

DISTRICT NAME		GRADES 7 - 9 PUPIL COUNT	GRADES 7 - 9 DROP OUTS	GRADES 7 - 9 RATE	GRADES 10 - 12 PUPIL COUNT	GRADES 10 - 12 DROP OUTS	GRADES 10 - 12 RATE	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS PUPIL COUNT	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS DROP OUTS	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS RATE	T O T A L PUPIL COUNT	T O T A L DROP OUTS	T O T A L RATE
COUNTY: ADAMS													
MAPLETON	1	1,213	12	1.0	1,180	52	4.4	207	47	22.7	2,600	111	4.3
NORTHGLENN-THORNTON	12	5,123	17	.3	5,064	447	8.8	322	17	5.3	10,509	481	4.6
ADAMS COUNTY	14	1,514	34	2.2	1,107	63	5.7	448	78	17.4	3,069	175	5.7
BRIGHTON	27J	1,142	28	2.5	949	59	6.2	0	0	.0	2,091	87	4.2
BENNETT	29J	238	9	3.8	199	22	11.1	0	0	.0	437	31	7.1
STRASBURG	31J	89	0	.0	113	0	.0	0	0	.0	202	0	.0
WESTMINSTER	50	2,931	74	2.5	2,633	186	7.1	250	68	27.2	5,814	328	5.6
COUNTY: ALAMOSA													
ALAMOSA	RE-11J	570	19	3.3	499	13	2.6	63	2	3.2	1,132	34	3.0
SANGRE DE CRISTO	RE-22J	63	0	.0	83	0	.0	0	0	.0	146	0	.0
COUNTY: ARAPAHOE													
ENGLEWOOD	1	806	12	1.5	772	67	8.7	574	103	17.9	2,152	182	8.5
SHERIDAN	2	429	2	.5	424	15	3.5	0	0	.0	853	17	2.0
CHERRY CREEK	5	6,563	6	.1	6,711	124	1.8	0	0	.0	13,274	130	1.0
LITTLETON	6	3,866	17	.4	4,313	178	4.1	0	0	.0	8,179	195	2.4
DEER TRAIL	26J	39	0	.0	34	1	2.9	0	0	.0	73	1	1.4
ADAMS-ARAPAHOE	28J	6,878	225	3.3	5,639	348	6.2	478	171	35.8	12,995	744	5.7
BYERS	32J	81	1	1.2	80	2	2.5	0	0	.0	161	3	1.9
COUNTY: ARCHULETA													
ARCHULETA COUNTY	50 JT	247	3	1.2	261	14	5.4	0	0	.0	508	17	3.3
COUNTY: BACA													
WALSH	RE-1	77	0	.0	78	3	3.8	0	0	.0	155	3	1.9
PRITCHETT	RE-3	23	0	.0	25	0	.0	0	0	.0	48	0	.0
SPRINGFIELD	RE-4	82	0	.0	87	2	2.3	0	0	.0	169	2	1.2
VILAS	RE-5	22	0	.0	16	2	12.5	0	0	.0	38	2	5.3
CAMPO	RE-6	14	0	.0	24	0	.0	0	0	.0	38	0	.0
COUNTY: BENT													
LAS ANIMAS	RE-1	210	2	1.0	209	25	12.0	0	0	.0	419	27	6.4
MC CLAVE	RE-2	46	2	4.3	53	0	.0	0	0	.0	99	2	2.0
COUNTY: BOULDER													
ST. VRAIN VALLEY	RE 1J	3,426	38	1.1	3,365	176	5.2	271	74	27.3	7,062	288	4.1
BOULDER VALLEY	RE 2	4,855	36	.7	5,455	284	5.2	0	0	.0	10,310	320	3.1

TABLE 5:

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 7 - 12
BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89

DISTRICT NAME		GRADES 7 - 9 PUPIL COUNT	GRADES 7 - 9 DROP OUTS	GRADES 7 - 9 RATE	GRADES 10 - 12 PUPIL COUNT	GRADES 10 - 12 DROP OUTS	GRADES 10 - 12 RATE	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS PUPIL COUNT	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS DROP OUTS	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS RATE	T O T A L PUPIL COUNT	T O T A L DROP OUTS	T O T A L RATE
COUNTY: CHAFFEE													
BUENA VISTA	R-31	235	2	.9	259	17	6.6	0	0	.0	494	19	3.8
SALIDA	R-32	323	5	1.5	309	22	7.1	0	0	.0	632	27	4.3
COUNTY: CHEYENNE													
KIT CARSON	R-1	32	0	.0	25	0	.0	0	0	.0	57	0	.0
CHEYENNE COUNTY	RE-5	89	0	.0	82	2	2.4	0	0	.0	171	2	1.2
COUNTY: CLEAR CREEK													
CLEAR CREEK	RE-1	375	5	1.3	310	2	.6	0	0	.0	685	7	1.0
COUNTY: CONEJOS													
NORTH CONEJOS	RE-1J	286	5	1.7	251	18	7.2	27	14	51.9	564	37	6.6
SANFORD	6J	79	0	.0	69	1	1.4	0	0	.0	148	1	.7
SOUTH CONEJOS	RE-10	123	3	2.4	116	3	2.6	0	0	.0	239	6	2.5
COUNTY: COSTILLA													
CENTENNIAL	R-1	90	0	.0	91	0	.0	0	0	.0	181	0	.0
SIERRA GRANDE	R-30	67	0	.0	50	1	2.0	0	0	.0	117	1	.9
COUNTY: CROWLEY													
CROWLEY COUNTY	RE-1-J	149	4	2.7	130	6	4.6	0	0	.0	279	10	3.6
COUNTY: CUSTER													
CONSOLIDATED	C-1	96	1	1.0	94	1	1.1	0	0	.0	190	2	1.1
COUNTY: DELTA													
DELTA COUNTY	50(J)	903	16	1.8	977	60	6.1	0	0	.0	1,880	76	4.0
COUNTY: DENVER													
DENVER COUNTY	1	14,428	484	3.4	11,684	965	8.3	2,393	881	36.8	28,505	2,330	8.2
COUNTY: DOLORES													
DOLORES COUNTY	RE NO.2	76	0	.0	84	0	.0	0	0	.0	160	0	.0

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COUNTY: DOUGLAS													
DOUGLAS COUNTY	RE 1	2,781	4	.1	2,651	68	2.6	0	0	.0	5,432	72	1.3
COUNTY: EAGLE													
EAGLE COUNTY	RE 50	528	3	.6	504	19	3.8	0	0	.0	1,032	22	2.1
COUNTY: ELBERT													
ELIZABETH	C-1	310	1	.3	309	18	5.8	0	0	.0	619	19	3.1
KIOWA	C-2	52	1	1.9	38	2	5.3	0	0	.0	90	3	3.3
BIG SANDY	100J	78	0	.0	54	0	.0	0	0	.0	132	0	.0
ELBERT	200	35	2	5.7	26	1	3.8	0	0	.0	61	3	4.9
AGATE	300	11	0	.0	17	0	.0	0	0	.0	28	0	.0
COUNTY: EL PASO													
CALHAN	RJ-1	93	0	.0	89	4	4.5	0	0	.0	182	4	2.2
HARRISON	2	2,617	36	1.4	2,196	131	6.0	155	34	21.9	4,968	201	4.0
WIDEFIELD	3	1,940	7	.4	1,795	48	2.7	0	0	.0	3,735	55	1.5
FOUNTAIN	8	960	8	.8	631	35	5.5	0	0	.0	1,591	43	2.7
COLORADO SPRINGS	11	7,351	90	1.2	7,926	743	9.4	208	116	55.8	15,485	949	6.1
CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN	12	622	0	.0	713	4	.6	0	0	.0	1,335	4	.3
MANITOU SPRINGS	14	316	4	1.3	337	15	4.5	0	0	.0	653	19	2.9
ACADEMY	20	2,477	5	.2	2,723	71	2.6	0	0	.0	5,200	76	1.5
ELLICOTT	22	142	1	.7	137	3	2.2	0	0	.0	279	4	1.4
PEYTON	23 JT	99	0	.0	79	1	1.3	0	0	.0	178	1	.6
HANOVER	28	37	1	2.7	19	1	5.3	0	0	.0	56	2	3.6
LEWIS-PALMER	38	553	1	.2	574	26	4.5	0	0	.0	1,127	27	2.4
FALCON	49	523	1	.2	600	40	6.7	0	0	.0	1,123	41	3.7
EDISON	54 JT	6	0	.0	11	0	.0	0	0	.0	17	0	.0
MIAMI/YODER	60 JT	40	0	.0	37	0	.0	0	0	.0	77	0	.0
COUNTY: FREMONT													
CANON CITY	RE-1	851	17	2.0	811	44	5.4	0	0	.0	1,662	61	3.7
FLORENCE	RE-2	442	1	.2	460	18	3.9	0	0	.0	902	19	2.1
COTOPAXI	RE-3	59	0	.0	69	1	1.4	0	0	.0	128	1	.8
COUNTY: GARFIELD													
ROARING FORK	RE-1	744	15	2.0	669	36	5.4	0	0	.0	1,413	51	3.6
GARFIELD	RE-2	523	4	.8	509	38	7.5	0	0	.0	1,032	42	4.1
GARFIELD	16	107	0	.0	87	4	4.6	0	0	.0	194	4	2.1

TABLE 5:

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BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89

DISTRICT NAME		GRADES 7 - 9 PUPIL COUNT	GRADES 7 - 9 DROP OUTS	GRADES 7 - 9 RATE	GRADES 10 - 12 PUPIL COUNT	GRADES 10 - 12 DROP OUTS	GRADES 10 - 12 RATE	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS PUPIL COUNT	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS DROP OUTS	ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS RATE	T O T A L PUPIL COUNT	T O T A L DROP OUTS	T O T A L RATE
COUNTY: GILPIN													
GILPIN COUNTY	RE-1	115	2	1.7	86	6	7.0	0	0	.0	201	8	4.0
COUNTY: GRAND													
WEST GRAND	1	134	0	.0	128	8	6.3	0	0	.0	262	8	3.1
EAST GRAND	2	240	1	.4	233	10	4.3	0	0	.0	473	11	2.3
COUNTY: GUNNISON													
GUNNISON WATERSHED	RE1J	331	1	.3	313	8	2.6	0	0	.0	644	9	1.4
COUNTY: HUERFANO													
HUERFANO	RE-1	229	1	.4	212	2	.9	0	0	.0	441	3	.7
LA VETA	RE-2	62	0	.0	74	0	.0	0	0	.0	136	0	.0
COUNTY: JACKSON													
NORTH PARK	R-1	97	1	1.0	75	3	4.0	0	0	.0	172	4	2.3
COUNTY: JEFFERSON													
JEFFERSON COUNTY	R-1	17,371	223	1.3	17,612	926	5.3	516	104	20.2	35,499	1,253	3.5
COUNTY: KIOWA													
EADS	RE-1	65	0	.0	74	3	4.1	0	0	.0	139	3	2.2
PLAINVIEW	RE-2	23	0	.0	18	1	5.6	0	0	.0	41	1	2.4
COUNTY: KIT CARSON													
ARRIBA-FLAGLER	C-20	60	0	.0	58	0	.0	0	0	.0	118	0	.0
HI-PLAINS	R-23	28	0	.0	34	0	.0	0	0	.0	62	0	.0
STRATTON	R-4	74	0	.0	51	2	3.9	0	0	.0	125	2	1.6
BETHUNE	R-5	24	0	.0	28	1	3.6	0	0	.0	52	1	1.9
BURLINGTON	RE-6J	191	1	.5	188	6	3.2	0	0	.0	379	7	1.8
COUNTY: LAKE													
LAKE COUNTY	R-1	265	3	1.1	248	17	6.9	0	0	.0	513	20	3.9
COUNTY: LA PLATA													
DURANGO	9-R	945	10	1.1	909	34	3.7	0	0	.0	1,854	44	2.4
BAYFIELD	10 JT-R	160	0	.0	155	2	1.3	0	0	.0	315	2	.6
IGNACIO	11 JT	228	3	1.3	217	4	1.8	25	7	28.0	470	14	3.0

TABLE 5:

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL DROPOUT RATE FOR GRADES 7 - 12
BY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89

DISTRICT NAME		GRADES 7 - 9			GRADES 10 - 12			ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS			T O T A L		
		PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE	PUPIL COUNT	DROP OUTS	RATE
COUNTY: LARIMER													
POUDRE	R-1	4,012	10	.2	3,898	161	4.1	208	81	38.9	8,118	252	3.1
THOMPSON	R-2J	2,835	18	.6	2,732	123	4.5	174	67	38.5	5,741	208	3.6
PARK (ESTES PARK)	R-3	280	2	.7	313	13	4.2	0	0	.0	593	15	2.5
COUNTY: LAS ANIMAS													
TRINIDAD	1	404	2	.5	435	23	5.3	0	0	.0	839	25	3.0
PRIMERO REORGANIZED	2	50	0	.0	48	2	4.2	0	0	.0	98	2	2.0
HOEHNE REORGANIZED	3	66	0	.0	77	0	.0	0	0	.0	143	0	.0
AGUILAR REORGANIZED	6	42	0	.0	38	2	5.3	0	0	.0	80	2	2.5
BRANSON REORGANIZED	82	13	0	.0	16	0	.0	0	0	.0	29	0	.0
KIM REORGANIZED	88	24	0	.0	25	0	.0	0	0	.0	49	0	.0
COUNTY: LINCOLN													
GENOA-HUGO	C113	53	0	.0	58	3	5.2	0	0	.0	111	3	2.7
LIMON	RE-4J	105	0	.0	89	0	.0	0	0	.0	194	0	.0
KARVAL	RE-23	18	0	.0	20	0	.0	0	0	.0	38	0	.0
COUNTY: LOGAN													
VALLEY	RE-1	670	4	.6	658	9	1.4	46	4	8.7	1,374	17	1.2
FRENCHMAN	RE-3	42	1	2.4	38	2	5.3	0	0	.0	80	3	3.8
BUFFALO	RE-4	49	0	.0	53	1	1.9	0	0	.0	102	1	1.0
PLATEAU	RE-5	25	0	.0	24	0	.0	0	0	.0	49	0	.0
COUNTY: MESA													
DEBEQUE	49JT	29	0	.0	26	0	.0	0	0	.0	55	0	.0
PLATEAU VALLEY	50	83	1	1.2	85	5	5.9	501	262	52.3	669	268	40.1
MESA COUNTY VALLEY	51	3,925	86	2.2	3,398	164	4.8	368	139	37.8	7,691	389	5.1
COUNTY: MINERAL													
CREEDE CONSOLIDATED	1	37	0	.0	25	0	.0	0	0	.0	62	0	.0
COUNTY: MOFFAT													
MOFFAT COUNTY	RE:NO 1	629	2	.3	606	23	3.8	0	0	.0	1,235	25	2.0
COUNTY: MONTEZUMA													
MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ	RE-1	796	9	1.1	643	22	3.4	0	0	.0	1,439	31	2.2
DOLORES	RE-4A	123	0	.0	119	5	4.2	0	0	.0	242	5	2.1
MANCOS	RE-6	139	1	.7	108	1	.9	0	0	.0	247	2	.8

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COUNTY: MONTROSE													
MONTROSE COUNTY	RE-1J	1,031	3	.3	1,009	44	4.4	96	44	45.8	2,136	91	4.3
WEST END	RE-2	88	0	.0	75	3	4.0	0	0	.0	163	3	1.8
COUNTY: MORGAN													
BRUSH	RE-2(J)	328	6	1.8	287	8	2.8	0	0	.0	615	14	2.3
FORT MORGAN	RE-3	663	19	2.9	508	26	5.1	60	13	21.7	1,231	58	4.7
WELDON VALLEY	RE-20(J)	34	0	.0	39	0	.0	0	0	.0	73	0	.0
WIGGINS	RE-50(J)	107	3	2.8	97	4	4.1	0	0	.0	204	7	3.4
COUNTY: OTERO													
EAST OTERO	R-1	546	8	1.5	501	64	12.8	0	0	.0	1,047	72	6.9
ROCKY FORD	R-2	346	6	1.7	281	20	7.1	0	0	.0	627	26	4.1
MANZANOLA	3J	57	1	1.8	52	1	1.9	0	0	.0	109	2	1.8
FOWLER	R-4J	113	0	.0	104	1	1.0	0	0	.0	217	1	.5
CHERAW	31	49	0	.0	31	0	.0	0	0	.0	80	0	.0
SWINK	33	80	0	.0	90	7	7.8	0	0	.0	170	7	4.1
COUNTY: OURAY													
OURAY	R-1	55	0	.0	36	1	2.8	0	0	.0	91	1	1.1
RIDGWAY	R-2	58	0	.0	51	0	.0	0	0	.0	109	0	.0
COUNTY: PARK													
PLATTE CANYON	1	255	3	1.2	241	2	.8	0	0	.0	496	5	1.0
PARK COUNTY	RE-2	73	0	.0	70	4	5.7	0	0	.0	143	4	2.8
COUNTY: PHILLIPS													
HOLYOKE	RE-1J	124	0	.0	120	2	1.7	0	0	.0	244	2	.8
HAXTUN	RE-2J	73	0	.0	70	2	2.9	0	0	.0	143	2	1.4
COUNTY: PITKIN													
ASPEN	1	241	1	.4	252	4	1.6	0	0	.0	493	5	1.0
COUNTY: PROWERS													
GRANADA	RE-1	52	0	.0	55	1	1.8	0	0	.0	107	1	.9
LAMAR	RE-2	510	3	.6	452	32	7.1	0	0	.0	962	35	3.6
HOLLY	RE-3	83	0	.0	66	1	1.5	0	0	.0	149	1	.7
WILEY	RE-13 JT	75	0	.0	65	4	6.2	0	0	.0	140	4	2.9

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COUNTY: PUEBLO													
PUEBLO CITY	60	4,542	89	2.0	4,492	292	6.5	71	29	40.8	9,105	410	4.5
PUEBLO COUNTY RURAL	70	1,054	9	.9	1,100	39	3.5	0	0	.0	2,154	48	2.2
COUNTY: RIO BLANCO													
MEEKER	RE1	167	0	.0	188	5	2.7	0	0	.0	355	5	1.4
RANGELY	RE-4	170	0	.0	169	3	1.8	0	0	.0	339	3	.9
COUNTY: RIO GRANDE													
DEL NORTE	C-7	179	3	1.7	130	4	3.1	0	0	.0	309	7	2.3
MONTE VISTA	C-8	331	8	2.4	295	13	4.4	0	0	.0	626	21	3.4
SARGENT	RE-33J	133	1	.8	91	1	1.1	0	0	.0	224	2	.9
COUNTY: ROUTT													
HAYDEN	RE-1	102	0	.0	102	2	2.0	0	0	.0	204	2	1.0
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS	RE-2	365	0	.0	361	12	3.3	0	0	.0	726	12	1.7
SOUTH ROUTT	RE 3	83	0	.0	91	2	2.2	0	0	.0	174	2	1.1
COUNTY: SAGUACHE													
MOUNTAIN VALLEY	RE 1	52	0	.0	43	0	.0	0	0	.0	95	0	.0
MOFFAT	2	34	0	.0	39	0	.0	0	0	.0	73	0	.0
CENTER	26 JT.	177	6	3.4	109	10	9.2	0	0	.0	286	16	5.6
COUNTY: SAN JUAN													
SILVERTON	1	43	0	.0	36	1	2.8	0	0	.0	79	1	1.3
COUNTY: SAN MIGUEL													
TELLURIDE	R-1	49	0	.0	58	0	.0	0	0	.0	107	0	.0
NORWOOD	R-2J	77	0	.0	61	1	1.6	0	0	.0	138	1	.7
COUNTY: SEDGWICK													
JULESBURG	RE-1	90	0	.0	75	1	1.3	0	0	.0	165	1	.6
PLATTE VALLEY	RE-3	49	0	.0	55	2	3.6	0	0	.0	104	2	1.9
COUNTY: SUMMIT													
SUMMIT	RE-1	372	1	.3	327	20	6.1	0	0	.0	699	21	3.0

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COUNTY: TELLER													
CRIPPLE CREEK-VICTOR	RE-1	73	1	1.4	83	2	2.4	0	0	.0	156	3	1.9
WOODLAND PARK	RE-2	594	7	1.2	590	34	5.8	0	0	.0	1,184	41	3.5
COUNTY: WASHINGTON													
AKRON	R-1	105	1	1.0	114	9	7.9	0	0	.0	219	10	4.6
ARICKAREE	R-2	40	0	.0	27	1	3.7	0	0	.0	67	1	1.5
OTIS	R-3	43	0	.0	40	1	2.5	0	0	.0	83	1	1.2
LONE STAR	101	19	0	.0	7	0	.0	0	0	.0	26	0	.0
WOODLIN	R-104	22	0	.0	28	0	.0	0	0	.0	50	0	.0
COUNTY: WELD													
GILCREST	RE-1	417	8	1.9	347	12	3.5	0	0	.0	764	20	2.6
EATON	RE-2	283	4	1.4	256	10	3.9	0	0	.0	539	14	2.6
KEENESBURG	RE-3	344	10	2.9	272	7	2.6	0	0	.0	616	17	2.8
WINDSOR	RE-4	388	2	.5	357	15	4.2	0	0	.0	745	17	2.3
JOHNSTOWN-MILLIKEN	RE-5J	302	4	1.3	233	11	4.7	0	0	.0	535	15	2.8
GREELEY	6	2,588	48	1.9	2,519	208	8.3	0	0	.0	5,107	256	5.0
PLATTE VALLEY	RE-7	223	1	.4	193	2	1.0	0	0	.0	416	3	.7
FORT LUPTON	RE-8	533	10	1.9	433	28	6.5	0	0	.0	966	38	3.9
AULT-HIGHLAND	RE-9	175	4	2.3	145	3	2.1	0	0	.0	320	7	2.2
BRIGGSDALE	RE-10	20	0	.0	26	0	.0	0	0	.0	46	0	.0
PRAIRIE	RE-11	25	0	.0	21	0	.0	0	0	.0	46	0	.0
PAWNEE	RE-12	27	0	.0	32	1	3.1	0	0	.0	59	1	1.7
COUNTY: YUMA													
WEST YUMA COUNTY	RJ-1	247	1	.4	222	5	2.3	0	0	.0	469	6	1.3
EAST YUMA COUNTY	RJ-2	231	3	1.3	209	7	3.3	0	0	.0	440	10	2.3
COUNTY: COLORADO BOCS													
SOUTHWEST BOCS		0	0	.0	0	0	.0	120	40	33.3	120	40	33.3
WELD BOCES		0	0	.0	98	3	3.1	66	16	24.2	164	19	11.6
STATE TOTALS		137,095	1,920	1.4	130,846	7,142	5.5	7,647	2,411	31.5	275,588	11,473	4.2

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT COLORADO DROPOUT RATES

Who Is Considered a Colorado Dropout?

By Colorado law, a dropout is a "person who leaves school for any reason, except death, before completion of a high school diploma or its equivalent and who does not transfer to another public or private school or enroll in an approved home study program." A student is not a dropout if he/she transfers to an educational program recognized by the district, completes a G.E.D. or registers in a program leading to a G.E.D., is committed to an institution that maintains educational programs, or is so ill that he/she is unable to participate in a homebound or special therapy program.

Who Is a Transfer?

A student is considered a transfer to another district or educational program if the receiving school or program sends for the student's records, or if the sending district can document that the parent or legal guardian has provided information regarding the school or education program into which the student is transferring. This definition of a transfer is in accordance with the Public School Finance Act of 1988, 22-53-207(3).

What If a Student Just Disappears?

A student who disappears from school is considered a dropout unless the student transferred to another educational program.

What Is the Dropout Rate?

The Colorado dropout rate is an annual rate, reflecting the percentage of all students enrolled in grades 7-12 who leave school during a single school year. It is calculated by dividing the number of dropouts by a membership base which includes all students who were in membership any time during the year.

Can the Dropout Rate Be Multiplied by Four to Find Out How Many Students Drop Out Over the Four Years of High School?

No. The dropout rate is an annual rate only. It is not statistically valid to simply multiply the annual rate by four to find out how many students dropped out during high school. The graduation rate, however, provides a measure of how many students completed graduation requirements.

Can a Student Drop Out More Than Once? How Does That Affect the Annual Dropout Rate?

Some students have a pattern of dropping out and returning to school several times before they either graduate or drop out and do not return. In the state reporting system, a student is counted as a dropout only once within a given reporting period (i.e., from July 1 through June 30). However, if a student drops out during one school year, then returns to school the following year and drops out again, he/she will be counted in the dropout rate two years in a row.

How Valid Are Colorado's Dropout Rates?

The Colorado Department of Education provides definitions, guidelines, and training regarding the proper procedures for identifying and reporting dropout statistics. The data are edited and screened upon receipt and a turnaround document with the calculated rates is returned to the district for verification. In submitting the data to the state, each superintendent signs an assurance that the district has followed the required procedures. Dropout statistics are not currently audited by the Department.

How Are Dropout Data Reported?

Dropout data are reported annually to the Department by Colorado school districts. Dropout data are collected for grades 7-12, by school building and by district. Data are reported separately by sex, race/ethnicity, and grade level of students.

How Does Colorado's Dropout Rate Compare to the National Average?

Currently, there is no national dropout data collection. The National Center for Education Statistics is in the process of developing and pilot testing a proposed national system expected to be implemented in the 1991-92 school year.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Data published in this report were obtained from all Colorado public schools having any grades 7-12. A sample of CDE Form 2, the collection instrument utilized to collect the data from each grade level, is on page 17. Data collected on these forms were then summarized for reporting in the various formats.

Data for alternative schools in some tables are reported separately. This provides additional information for those districts' schools that are established to give students who are dropouts or potential dropouts an alternative to the regular program. The alternative schools data also includes those Second Chance Programs operated by districts and Boards of Cooperative Services. However, it does not include any educational programs for dropouts that are incorporated as part of the regular high school program.

Beginning with the class of 1990 the Colorado Department of Education will report graduation and completion rates as part of this dropout report. Rates for each class will be calculated based on information reported on the CDE-2 End-of-Year Pupil Membership Form.

SAMPLE OF DATA COLLECTION INSTRUMENT

Colorado Department of Education
Planning and Evaluation Unit
201 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

Telephone: 866-6837

PART II - SCHOOL REPORT
DROPOUTS
END OF YEAR PUPIL MEMBERSHIP
July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

DUE DATE: End of school year or no later than July 10, 1989

COUNTY NAME: _____ DISTRICT NAME: _____ SCHOOL NAME: _____

A separate form is to be completed for each grade 7 - 12. Labeled forms for each applicable grade in this school are provided.	July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989			WITHDRAWAL DATA July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989					1989 END OF YEAR COUNT
	June 1988 End of Year Membership For GR 10 Beginning For GR 11	Incoming Transfers	Retrievals (Dropouts from Previous School Year 1987-88)	Outgoing Transfers WITHIN District	Outgoing Transfers OUTSIDE of District	Deceased or Seriously Ill	Dropouts	Total Withdrawals (Add Columns (4+5+6+7)	Total Enrollment (Col.1+2+3) Minus Total Withdrawals (Column 8)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grade 11									
American Indian - Male									*
- Female									*
Asian - Male									*
- Female									*
Black - Male									*
- Female									*
Hispanic - Male									*
- Female									*
White - Male									*
- Female									*
TOTAL GRADE 11 (Class of 1990)									*

SAMPLE

*IMPORTANT - The 1989 End of Year Count reported in COLUMN 9 for GRADE 11 will be the BEGINNING COUNT for GRADE 12 in accounting for next year's 1989-90 student membership and dropouts. Please double check the figures entered on this form by verifying the addition/subtraction of all columns down and accross.

Instructions/definitions on reverse side

Signature of School Principal _____

Name of Person Preparing Report _____

_____ /
Title Telephone Number

DATA FORM CLEARANCE — MANDATORY
Assigned: CDE-2
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